

# FISCAL NOTE

## SB 1835 - HB 1866

April 7, 1997

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Restricts access to electronic pagers by requiring those under the age of 18 to obtain a permit before buying or possessing a pager. There would be no fee for such permit, but it would require a signed parental consent form and would be issued by local law enforcement agencies. The bill makes it a Class A misdemeanor to sell, distribute or give a pager to a minor, punishable by a fine of \$2,500. A minor found to be in violation of the provisions of the bill would be prohibited from driving for one year and would perform 50 hours of community work for each subsequent offense within a one-year period.

### ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Decrease State Revenues - Not Significant**

**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures\* - Less Than \$100,000**

**Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant**

Assumes a decrease in state revenues from decreased driver license fee collections to the extent that fewer minors were able to qualify for such licenses under the provisions of this bill.

Also assumes an increase in local government expenditures for the issuance of permits and recordkeeping by law enforcement agencies, as well as the expenses of supervising those minors convicted of second offenses and sentenced to serve 50 hours of community service work.

Impact also depends upon the number of persons convicted of this offense and the resulting increased revenues to local governments from fines levied and collected under the provisions of this bill.

*\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

### CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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